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in a week or so and I will photograph/photocopy it --
and then do an article on George H. Tryon for the
NEWS. We walked down the hill. John K. took
his leave and went North. T. Maine + JVB and
I walked back here. I told JVB and RST
about the matching grant. They were delighted,
as might well be expected. John had to go
home since it was 11 PM and RST and I went
down to Mister Donut for some coffee to celebrate
the matching grant. Skip Race came in and
did a half-hour monologue. He is a very
likeable fellow and RST very drolly asked
him if he would like to be our first new
member in the 1983-1984 membership campaign.
Skip Race will sooner or later become a member.
JVB was very tired tonight -- he was involved
in heavy manual labor all day. He reported that
Dave Adams had invited him and another worker
to have a beer with him at the Trading Room
shortly after 4 PM today. Before my very eyes,
John the youth is becoming John the young man.
In my campaign to give John more and more
self confidence, I am pleased to report that
Bob Price said to John & son: "I understand that
you are quite an important authority on the
Gravity Railroad." John replied: "There is so much
to be proud of in Carbondale." Speaking of
being proud, I felt like a proud parent/uncle
of JVB as he basked in the flattering remarks
of Bob Price. Both Grosvener and Price threw
bouquets to John today. Most pleased me
enormously. If only there were 36 or 48 hours in
a day -- I don't think I have ever been so
busy in my life. I work 18 hours a day and
still can't get caught up. It's all quite extraordinary.